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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KLUTTZ ET AL.

Examiner

Truc T Chuong

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment C, filed 05/04/04.
2. Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 21 are independent claims. In Amendment C, claims 1, 12, 14, 21, and 25-26 are amended. This action is a final rejection.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lucas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,613,134).

As to claim 1, Lucas teaches a method of providing an interface with displayable computer files on a computer display, said method comprising the steps of:

1. displaying a first displayable file on said computer display in a manner customized by an operator of said computer (e.g., col. 4 lines 7-24, col. 5 lines 11-15, line 56-col. 6 line 3, col. 7 lines 1-35, and customizing a document, col. 20 line 43-col. 21 line19);
2. storing data indicating a value of at least one attribute of the manner in which said first file was displayed associated with data indicating a type of said first file (Unique Identifier, col. 4 lines 7-24, col. 5 lines 11-15, col. 5 line 56-col. 6 line 3, col. 6 line 60-col. 7 line 35);
3. when another file of the type of said first file is opened by an operator for display, accessing said stored data indicating said value of said at least one attribute (Unique Identifier, col. 4 lines 7-24, col. 10 lines 23-53, col. 11 lines 17-38, parameters, col. 18 lines 45-64); and

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4. displaying said another file of the type of said first file using said stored value of said at least one attribute (e.g., col. 5 line 56-col. 7 line 3, files matching a set of parameters, col. 18 lines 45-64, col. 10 lines 23-54, and figs. 1-3).

As to claim 2, Lucas teaches storing the value when the first file is closed by an operator (when the user closes a document, the document will be stored into a repository, col. 3 lines 1-5).

As to claim 3, it is individually similar in scope to claim 2 above; therefore, rejected under similar rationale.

As to claim 4, Lucas teaches a time selected by said operator (the user can set time, col. 21 lines 37-40).

As to claim 5, Lucas teaches a size of a window (position and size, col. 6 lines 55-67).

As to claims 6 and 7, Lucas teaches a position of a said window (e.g., col. 5 line 56-col. 6 line 3, position and size, col. 6 lines 55-67).

As to claims 8 and 9, Lucas shows a file name extension of said first file and multiple extensions (e.g., cols. 18 lines 45-64).

As to claim 10, Lucas teaches reading table to determine said attribute (FIND tool to retrieve all files with given extension, col. 18 line 45-col. 19 line 37).

As to claim 12, it is similar in scope to claim 1 above except displaying a second displayable file simultaneously with said first file (display simultaneously, col. 11 lines 8-38, figs. 1-3).

As to claim 13, note the rejection of claims 12 and 2 above.

As to claim 14, note the rejection of claims 1, 12 and 13 above.

As to claim 15, note the rejection of claim 2 above.

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As to claim 16, note the rejection of claim 3 above.

As to claim 17, note the rejection of claim 4 above.

As to claim 18, note the rejection of claim 5 above.

As to claim 19, note the rejection of claim 6 above.

As to claim 20, note the rejection of claim 7 above.

As to claim 21, it is a computer product claim that corresponds to the method of claim 1.

Note the rejection of claim 1.

As to claim 22, it is a computer product claim that corresponds to the method of claim 2.

Note the rejection of claim 2 above.

As to claim 23, it is a computer product claim that corresponds to the method of claim 8.

Note the rejection of claim 8 above.

As to claim 24, it is a computer product claim that corresponds to the method of claim 11.

Note the rejection of claim 11 above.

As to claim 25, it is a computer product claim that corresponds to the method of claim 12.

Note the rejection of claim 12 above.

As to claim 26, Lucas teaches the method of claim 12 wherein said relationship comprises said first and second files having file names with names with identical first portions (file matching and common file type, col. 18 lines 45-65).

As to claim 27, Lucas teaches the method of claim 26 wherein said file names each comprise a first part and an extension part and wherein said file types are dictated by said extension part and said first part comprises said first portion (e.g., col. 18 lines 45-65, and all files with given extension, col. 18 line 45-col. 19 line 37).

As to claim 28, it is individually similar in scope to claim 26; therefore, rejected under similar rationale.

As to claim 29, it is individually similar in scope to claim 27; therefore, rejected under similar rationale.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 05/04/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argued the followings:

- a. Lucas does not teach the relationships between documents based on the document types.
- b. Lucas fails to teach applying attributes of one file to any other file.
- c. Lucas fails to teach display another file using the same value of the first file.

The Examiner disagrees for the following reasons:

Per (a), Lucas clearly teaches a Unique Identifier, or UID, is a string of alphanumeric characters that uniquely identifies a document. A UID is necessary and sufficient to refer to a specific document (col. 4 lines 7-23); the attributes define the display characteristics of an associated document, such as position and size (col. 6 lines 61-66), and by using the UID to define the appearance and location of the documents (col. 10 lines 23-33); therefore, the documents can be retrieved and displayed with the same setup (or layout) if the given set of parameters is matched its type or ID (col. 18 lines 45-64).

Per (b), Lucas clearly discloses matching types of the documents if they are in same characteristics based on UIDs, input parameters, and attributes (e.g., col. 2 lines 18-32).

Per (c), Lucas's invention clearly teaches that every document can be defined by size variables as input parameters which use to determine the size and location of the document on the display device (col. 7 lines 26-35); therefore, the other (or second) document will use the same value of the first one when displaying on the screen.

All other arguments of claims 12, 21, and 25 on pages 10-11 can be addressed under similar in scopes to those mentioned above.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

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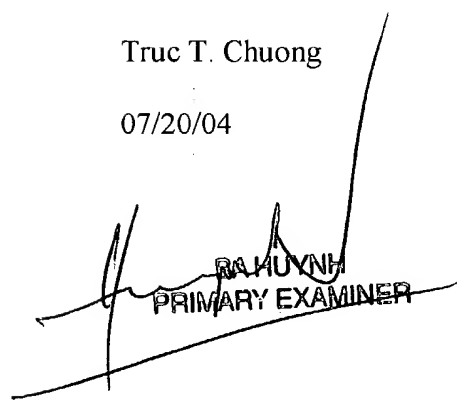
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Truc T Chuong whose telephone number is 703-305-5753. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and alternate Fridays 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R. Herndon can be reached on 703-308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Truc T. Chuong

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